

BIDEFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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A N N U A L R E P O R T

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

SURVEYOR, ENGINEER AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year

1969

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Medical Officer of Health:
N.Bowring Betts, F.R.C.S.

Surveyor, Engineer and Public Health Inspector:
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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITION OF THE AREA

Area (Acres)	...	...	...	...	55,770.
Population (Estimated)	...	...	...	...	5,070
Number of separately rated hereditaments as at 1st.April,1970					2,190
Rateable Value (as at 1/4/70)	...	...	...	...	90,979
Sum represented by a Penny Rate as at 31/3/70	...	...	...	...	£352.18.5.

The chief occupations of the inhabitants of the District are directly or indirectly associated with agriculture. The District is a very popular holiday centre and many hotels, boarding houses and farms specialise in seasonal catering.

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of the Medical Officer of Health
for the Bideford Rural District

Telephone: BRADWORTHY 215.

Cleverdon House,
Bradworthy.
September, 1970.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my Report dealing with the Public Health and general conditions of the district during the year 1969.

Your obedient Servant,

N. Bowring Betts.

Medical Officer of Health.

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VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births.	..	..	..	..	65
Number	..	..	..	..	12.8
Rate per 1000 population					
Illegitimate Live Births (Per cent of total live births)				..	6.1
Stillbirths.					
Number	..	..	..	..	1
Rate per 1000 total live and still births			..	..	15.1
Total live and stillbirths		..	..	..	66
Infants Deaths (deaths under one year)		..	..	..	2
Infant Mortality Rates.					
Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births				..	30.7
Legitimate infant deaths per 100 legitimate live births				..	3.3
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate live births				..	0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks per 1000 total live births)	..	..	..	..	30.7
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one week per 1000 total live births)		..	..	..	30.7
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1000 total live and stillbirths)				..	46.1
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)					
Number of deaths		..	..	..	0
Rate per 1000 total live and still births			..	..	0

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

HOSPITALS.

1. TUBERCULOSIS.

There are no hospitals for the reception of tuberculous patients in this district. Suitable cases are admitted to Hawkmoor Chest Hospital, Bovey Tracey.

2. ISOLATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Any cases of infectious diseases which cannot be isolated or properly cared for at home, are conveyed to the Kingsl y Hospital, which comprises 30 beds, 4 cots and 8 observation cubicles.

3. POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION.

Oral Vaccine is now being used for this purpose. Persons up to the age of 40 years are eligible for vaccination.

4. GENERAL.

The Bideford and District Hospital serves the district extremely well for General Medical and Surgical treatment. The hospital contains about 51 beds. Hospital facilities are also available at the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple and the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter.

5. MATERNITY CASES.

Maternity cases may be admitted to the North Devon and District Hospital, Barnstaple, which has 48 beds, and also, by arrangement with the Devon County Council, to the Grenville Nursing Home, Bideford.

6. DISTRICT NURSING.

There is a district nurse now resident in Hartland and a district nurse from Bideford is available for part of the district.

7. LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Bacteriological examinations are undertaken by the Public Health Laboratory Service. Chemical analyses are carried out by the Public Analysts Messrs Tickle & Reynolds, of Queen Street, Exeter.

8. DISINFECTION OF INFECTED BEDDING AND CLOTHING.

By arrangement with the Bideford and District Joint Isolation Hospital Board, any infected bedding and clothing can be disinfected in the steam disinfecting apparatus at the Isolation Hospital.

9. AMBULANCE FACILITIES

There is a St. John Ambulance stationed at Bideford which serves the rural district. There is also a separate ambulance stationed at the Isolation Hospital, which is used for the conveyance of patients suffering from any of the notifiable infectious diseases.

10. ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.

Ante-natal clinics are held at the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple.

11. CHILD WELFARE CLINICS.

There are child welfare clinics held at Hartland and Bideford.

12. VENEREAL DISEASE.

A clinic for venereal disease is held at the North Devon Infirmary twice weekly.

13. ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC.

A clinic is held twice a month at Barnstaple.

14. BIRTH CONTROL CLINIC.

A clinic is held once a month at the North Devon Dispensary, Barnstaple.

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NOTIFICATIONS

Diseases.			Total number of cases notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total deaths
Scarlet Fever	..	..	2	0	0
Diphtheria	..	..	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	..	..	0	0	0
Pneumonia	..	..	0	0	0
Dysentery	..	..	0	0	0
Erysipelas	..	..	0	0	0
Opthalmia Neonatorum	..	..	0	0	0
Anterior Poliomyelitis and	..	..	0	0	0
Polioencephalitis	..	..	0	0	0
Measles	..	..	12	0	0
Whooping Cough	..	..	0	0	0
Acute Encephalitis	..	..	0	0	0
Lethargica	..	..	0	0	0
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	..	..	0	0	0

AGE INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	<u>Measles</u>		<u>Scarlet Fever</u>		<u>Whooping Cough</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 year	1	2	0	0	0	0
2 years	1	0	0	0	0	0
3 years	1	0	0	1	0	0
4 years	2	0	0	0	0	0
5 - 9 years	3	1	0	1	0	0
10 -14 years	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 -24 years	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 and over	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	1	0	0	0	0
	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

This is now combined with whooping cough vaccine and Tetanus Toxoid for children under 5 years of age. Older children are given a combination of Diphtheria vaccine and Tetanus Toxoid.

TUBERCULOSIS

The number of cases of Tuberculosis remaining on the register was as follows:-

						31st.Dec. 1969.
(a)	Pulmonary	..	..	Males	..	5
				Females	..	3
(b)	Non-Pulmonary	..	..	Males	..	1
				Females	..	3
						<u>12</u>
Total cases on Register, December 31st., 1968						12
"	"	"	"	"	"	1967 12
"	"	"	"	"	"	1966 11
"	"	"	"	"	"	1965 10
"	"	"	"	"	"	1964 10
"	"	"	"	"	"	1963 9
"	"	"	"	"	"	1962 27
"	"	"	"	"	"	1961 27
"	"	"	"	"	"	1960 28
"	"	"	"	"	"	1959 28
"	"	"	"	"	"	1958 27
"	"	"	"	"	"	1957 27
"	"	"	"	"	"	1956 24
"	"	"	"	"	"	1955 24
"	"	"	"	"	"	1954 23
"	"	"	"	"	"	1953 27

1. NEW CASES.

During the year 1969 no case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified.

TUBERCULOSIS
Contd.

The following are the notifications for the preceding twelve years:-

	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
1968	0	0	0
1967	1	0	1
1966	0	1	1
1965	0	0	0
1964	1	0	1
1963	1	0	1
1962	1	0	1
1961	0	0	0
1960	0	0	0
1959	1	0	1
1958	1	1	2
1957	2	3	5

MORTALITY FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Total Deaths, 1969 - 0

CAUSE OF DEATH.	SEX	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks	AGE IN YEARS								
				1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lungs, Bronchus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mental Disorders	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hypertensive Disease	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	8	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CAUSE OF DEATH	SEX	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks	AGE								
				1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	M	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
All Other accidents	M	34	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	5	12	13
	F	26	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	5	15
	<u>TOTAL ALL CAUSES</u>											

80

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SURVEYOR, ENGINEER AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE
BIDEFORD RURAL DISTRICT

Grenville House,
The Quay,
Bideford.

September, 1970.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BIDEFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1969, dealing with the various matters which come within the purview of this Department.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

L.J.DUNN.

Surveyor.

HOUSING

Future Programme.

The housing list for new Council Houses required in the district is not very large and it appears that dwellings erected in future on sites already owned by the Council at Hartland, Horns Cross, Buckland Brewer, Abbotsham and Monkleigh will serve the foreseeable needs - each site serving the need for the immediate locality.

It would also appear that in general the need could be met by continuing to build two-bedroomed bungalows which are suitable for occupation by old persons and newly married couples and by re-housing old people from existing five person Council Houses the need for family Council Houses would be met.

Present Programme.

During the year under review four two-bedroomed old peoples bungalows have been erected at Hartland and plans were drawn up for the erection of further development at Buckland Brewer, but this latter proposal was deferred for a time owing to the affect this would have had on present Council House rents which had recently been increased.

Existing Council Houses.

The following table enumerates the number of houses owned by the Council in the various Parishes and whether pre-war, war-time or post-war houses and the type of same.

<u>Pre-war Houses.</u>	<u>Type.</u>	<u>Modern Amenities</u>	<u>No of Houses.</u>
		<u>Provided.</u>	
Abbotsham, Woodcote.	Three-bedroomed.	Work in hand.	2
Alwington, Fairy Cross	-do-	Feb. 1967	2
Alwington, Woodtown	-do-	Feb. 1963	2
Buckland Brewer,			:
Tower Hill.	-do-	March, 1966	1
Clovelly, Sydenham.	-do-	Oct. 1968	1
Hartland, Rosedown.	-do-	Feb. 1968	2
Hartland, Baxworthy.	-do-	Inadequate water supply.	2
Littleham, Boundstone.	-do-	March 1964	2
Monkleigh, Ccl. Cottages.	-do-	Feb. 1965	2
Parkham, Halsbury.	-do-	May 1960	2
Parkham, Woodpark.	-do-	Plans being prepared.	2
Woolsery, Cranford,	-do-	May 1966	2

War-time Houses.

In 1944 the Council built four houses:-

	<u>Three-bedroomed.</u>	<u>No. of Houses</u>
Natcott, Hartland	2	2
Crosspark, Woolsery	2	2
		<u>4</u>

Post-war dwellings.

	<u>Three-bedroomed.</u>	<u>Two-bedroomed.</u>	
Abbotsham	6		6
Alwington	6		6
Buckland Brewer	12		12
Bulkworthy	2		2
Clovelly	8		8
East Putford	2		2
Hartland	26	13	39
Littleham	4		4
Monkleigh	16	6	22
Newton St. Petrock	2	2	4
Parkham	6		6
Welcombe	2		2
Woolsery	4	4	8
			<u>121</u>

Improvement of Pre-war Council Houses.

16 pre-war Council Houses have been improved with the aid of a grant, being the provision of the standard amenities.

Plans are in hand to improve all other pre-war Council Houses which lack these amenities and these are being done as the essential main services of water supply or sewer become available to same. (for details see above)

Private dwellings.

14 private dwellings were erected in various parts of the district during the year and present indications are that the number is likely to increase.

HOUSING GRANTS.

Standard Grants.

There was a reduction in the number of applications for Standard Grants during the year and 25 only were made, 20 under the 1959 Act and 5 under the 1969 Act.

Under the 1969 Act the amounts of grant to be paid were increased and the necessity to provide a foodstore was omitted and the provision of a sink has become a necessity if none already exists in the dwelling to be improved.

During the year £4,078 was paid out in respect of 24 grants paid - this also is a reduction of £1,500 over 1968 when the number of grants paid was 36.

Discretionary Grants.

There were two applications for Discretionary Grants during the year, one being an improvement to a property and the other a conversion and it was agreed to pay £1,179 on both grants.

No Discretionary Grants were paid out during the year under review.

HOUSING ACT, 1957.

No statutory notices were served under this Act during the period under review.

There are no Common Lodging Houses or Houses in Multiple Occupation in the district.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Statutory Authority.

The North Devon Water Board are the Authority for the provision of water throughout the district and the mains are available in all Parishes. All the Villages and Hamlets in the district have a supply together with large areas of the district outside the Villages and Hamlets.

Mains Extensions.

Three short extensions to the main were laid by the Water Board during the year, all of which were to serve new development in existing Villages.

Sources of Supply.

The main sources of supply of water are from Exmoor and Dartmoor but some smaller sources of supply are available to the Board in North Devon which were previously individual reservoirs for the various local Authorities which have since been taken over by the Board. Such a supply is that at Melbury which was the source of supply for the Urban District of Northam.

Adequacy of Supplies.

The Water Board still lack adequate sources of supply for all the needs of the area which it serves and this is in part due to lack of reservoirs but this need will shortly be met when the new reservoir at Melbury is completed.

The restriction of the supply in the Water Board's area is not serious since it refers to washing of vehicles and watering of gardens only, but increased supplies are required not to meet this need only but to meet the increasing demand for water for domestic and industrial consumption and to meet the needs of the increase in population in the area.

Existing supply position.

36 new connections were made to the mains in the Rural District during the year and details of the number of properties supplied in each of the Parishes, together with the estimated number of persons supplied is as detailed hereunder:-

<u>PARISH</u>	<u>No. of domestic properties supplied.</u>	<u>Estimated No. of persons supplied.</u>
ABBOTSHAM	119	345
ALWINGTON	84	240
BUCKLAND BREWER	100	285
BULKWORTHY	15	43
CLOVELLY	171	487
EAST PUTFORD	16	48
HARTLAND	342	1,017
LANDCROSS	27	77
LITTLEHAM	72	201
MONKLEIGH	125	351
NEWTON ST. PETROCK	50	143
PARKHAM	162	464
WELCOMBE	45	98
WOOLSERY	162	464

Private supplies.

A considerable number of properties in the very sparsely populated part of the district still relies on wells and a small number have boreholes but the former are frequently insufficient in quantity and poor in quality and to sink more wells is not considered to be the answer to the problem.

During the year five samples were taken from private supplies, one of which was found to be unsatisfactory and in such cases if no alternative supply is available the persons concerned are advised as to the best steps to take to endeavour to exclude pollution as far as possible and subsequently boiling water before use.

It is appreciated that the Water Board are unable to lay the mains to outlying parts of the district at the present time because of the uneconomical cost of same but it is hoped that in due course the Board will be able to extend its mains to certain parts of the area at present without them. The agricultural community in those areas require this essential service for both personal and agricultural requirements and it seems reasonable that the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food should help with a capital contribution to the Water Board.

SEWERAGE

Existing position.

The majority of the Villages and Hamlets in the district have been provided with new sewers and sewage disposal works as water supplies were taken through the district by the North Devon Water Board, as under:-

Abbotsham	-	completed in 1968
Buckland Brewer	-	completed in 1952
Higher Clovelly	-	completed in 1959
Lower Clovelly	-	New tidal tank provided in 1950.
Ford/Fairy Cross	-	completed in 1965
Hartland	-	completed in 1961
Horns Cross	-	completed in 1948
Littleham	-	completed in 1963
Monkleigh	-	completed in 1957
Parkham	-	completed in 1954
Saltrens	-	completed in 1955
Stoke	-	completed in 1960
Woodtown	-	completed in 1965

Proposals in hand.

Woolsery.

An entirely new scheme for this Village has been approved by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government but the starting date for same was delayed owing to the financial situation.

The proposed works have just commenced at the time of writing the Report.

Bucks Cross and Bucks Mills.

Proposals for sewerage for these two hamlets with a sea outfall sewer, incorporating a tidal tank, have been drawn up but progress on same has been delayed pending a final decision on development in the area which would materially affect the scheme and the outcome of a Working Party, set up by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, which was looking into the present methods of sewage disposal, including sea outfall sewers.

Proposed extensions to sewage disposal works.

The sewage disposal works constructed by the Council some years ago were subject to restriction in that very limited capacity was allowed for future development and this, together with a fundamental change in planning policy, namely: that houses shall be built in hamlets and villages only, except those required in the open country for agricultural purposes, means that those works are incapable of taking the development now envisaged by infilling.

The extensions to the existing disposal works required in the first instance are as follows:-

Littleham.

Works to be extended to take drainage from 30 further dwellings agreed with the County Planning Department as the ultimate development for the Village. These works are likely to be extended in 1971.

Parkham.

It is anticipated that 25 further dwellings can be erected as infilling in this Village and plans for same have been drawn up.

It is anticipated that the extension will be carried out in 1971/72.

Horns Cross.

This sewage disposal works must be extended before further development can take place in the hamlet and it seems apparent that the extension must allow for approximately 100% increase in development.

Maintenance of works.

Until recently, the maintenance of some of the sewage disposal works has been undertaken by part-time labour but the necessity to ensure that effluents from all the works complied with the standard imposed by the River Authority, which in the main is the Royal Commission Standard, has meant that full-time labour has had to be employed to ensure compliance with the conditions.

This improvement of maintenance, together with the exclusion from public sewers of all trade effluent, being that from farms, will ensure that in this Conservation Year the Council are fully doing their part to ensure the safeguarding of the environment.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection.

Refuse collection by contract has continued and covers the majority of the premises in the district.

The frequency of the collection is fortnightly in the summer and four-weekly in the winter, with a weekly collection at Hartland Town throughout the year and twice-weekly collection at Lower Clovelly where special circumstances make this essential.

Short extensions to the service were made during the year to cover the groups of houses not previously served.

The frequency of collection and the contract system are not considered to be entirely satisfactory and it is considered that a more frequent collection of refuse throughout the district operated directly by the Council would cost very little more and yet greatly improve the service and a decision to make this change has recently been reached by the Council.

Litter Bins.

In conjunction with the County Council, as the Highway Authority, an increased number of litter bins have been placed throughout the district on the main roads and in the various Villages.

The bins are emptied as and when required by the Contractor and the cost of this service is reimbursed by the County Council.

Refuse Disposal.

Two main refuse dumps are situated in open country at either end of the district and these are likely to remain as the main disposal points, whereas two smaller dumps which have been in operation since the days when refuse collection was a Parish arrangement are likely to be closed shortly since the cost of maintenance of same is extremely high.

PUBLIC SWIMMING AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Natural Amenities.

The north and west boundaries of the district are bounded by the coastline along which are a number of small beaches, increasingly used for recreation, including swimming. Unfortunately, the majority of the coastline is such that it is not suitable for public bathing but affords recreational pursuits which are likely to be increasingly followed in future when the Long Distance Coastal Footpath runs throughout the district.

Private Swimming Pools.

Two swimming pools are available for use by the public in the district and samples from same are taken periodically for analysis.

Both pools have facilities for treatment of the water by recirculation, filtration and chlorination.

CARAVAN AND CAMPING

Camping Sites.

The district remains popular for caravan and camping holidays and six licensed sites exist to accommodate these holidaymakers.

All the sites are provided with the essential amenities of adequate water supply, sanitary accommodation and means for the collection and disposal of refuse and some sites have ablution facilities.

Seven farms in the district are able to provide similar facilities to Members of the Caravan and Camping Clubs and these too are situated in various parts of the district.

The sites are visited frequently during the summer and conditions were found to be satisfactory.

Chalet Sites.

In recent years two caravan sites have been converted to chalet sites and these have all facilities, normally of two-bedroomed type set in very pleasant surroundings.

The occupation of these chalets is limited to a period March to October in each year - they are not considered suitable for all the year around occupation.

PLANS AND PLANNING CONTROL.

Building Regulations.

The number of plans submitted for approval under the Building Regulations was somewhat less than in the previous year, being:-

No approved	-	119
No refused	-	NIL

Town and Country Planning Acts.

There was again an increase in the number of plans submitted for consideration under the Planning Acts, as under:-

No approved	-	105
No refused	-	34
No withdrawn	-	9

Control of Development.

Planning control of development in the country and particularly in the restricted areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Great Landscape Value continues, but in connection with other Authorities in the County an approach was made to the County Council to ask that plans for development in such areas should be considered on their merits and not simply refused since they were contrary to planning policy.

The County Council agreed that this should be borne in mind when considering applications especially in the case of farmers who wished to retire but were anxious to retain an interest in the farm where many had spent a lifetime, in which case sympathetic consideration would be given to dwellings on their land for their occupation, which would subsequently become cottages for the farmstead concerned.

As reported earlier under "sewerage", this planning control has meant that in many cases the services provided some years ago in the Villages and Hamlets have to be extended at considerable expense to accommodate the infilling which is taking place.

PETROLEUM

28 premises in the district are licenced for the storage and sale of petroleum spirit.

Periodic inspections are made of the installations and everything was found to be generally satisfactory.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND PREMISES ACT

Number of registered premises - Offices 2, Retail Shops 9, Catering Establishments 9.

25 inspections were carried out on these various premises and they were found to comply with the requirements of the Act.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the
Factories Act, 1937.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (3)	No. of		
		Inspect- ions. (4)	Written Notices. (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	3	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	10	11	NIL	NIL
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities (excluding out-workers' premises).	2	2	NIL	NIL
Total	14	16	NIL	NIL

1. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND - NIL.

OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature Work (1)	Section 133		Section 134			
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c). (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council. (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists. (4)	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises. (5)	Notices (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
ring) Making arel) etc.) cleaning) and) washing.) Total	12					
	12					

FOOD AND DRUGS

A "NIL" return in respect of food poisoning was sent to the Ministry of Health for the year under review.

FOOD PREMISES.

Food premises, subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960 grouped in categories are detailed hereunder.

	Total No.	Sect. 16 W.H.Basins.	Sect.19 (Sink) applic- able.	Sinks provided
<u>a. Catering.</u>				
i. Hotels	7	7	7	7
ii. Cafes and Restaurants	8	8	8	8
iii. Licensed premises not included in i and ii.	15	15	15	15
<u>b. Grocers.</u>	15	15	15	15
<u>c. Butchers.</u>	4	4	4	4
<u>d. Bakers.</u>	1	1	1	1
<u>e. Sweet Confectionery.</u>	12	12	11	11
<u>f. Others.</u>				
i. Icecream Manufacturers.	1	1	1	1
ii. Rabbit killing and dressing.	1	1	1	1

Inspections are made periodically of these premises, and, in general, the standard of Food Hygiene is satisfactory. It has not been found necessary to take formal action in respect of offences under the Regulations.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

There are no slaughterhouses in the district, all meat being obtained from centralised slaughterhouses in other districts.

FOOD - GENERAL.

Food processing.

There is one rabbit processing establishment in the district and the meat is supplied to large chain store groups.

The rabbits are bred throughout the south-west and the process is carried out by part-time labour.

No problems with regard to this establishment has arisen during the year under review.

Condemned foods.

During the year 18 tins of food of various sorts was condemned at stores and shops in the district.

Sampling.

Food sampling in the district is undertaken as necessary by the County Council who are the Food and Drugs Authority and this is undertaken in consultation with the Department as and when required.

